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Proclaiming October 15, 1995, through October 21, 1995, as the “Week Without Violence”, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. BRADLEY (for himself, Mr. HATCH, Mr. COHEN, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. SPECTER, Mrs. MURRAY, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

RESOLUTION

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Whereas the Week Without Violence, a public-awareness campaign designed to inspire alternatives to the problem of violence in our society, falls on October 15, 1995, through October 21, 1995;

Whereas the prevalence of violence in our society has become increasingly disturbing, as reflected by the fact that 2,000,000 people are injured each year as a result of violent crime, with a staggering 24,500 reported murders in 1993 and with losses from medical expenses, lost pay, property, and other crime-related costs totaling billions of dollars each year;

Whereas studies show that violence against women in their own homes causes more total injuries to women than rape, muggings, and car accidents combined and that $\frac{1}{2}$ of all women who are murdered in the United States are killed by their male partners;

Whereas violence has invaded our homes and communities and is exacting a terrible toll on our country's youth;

Whereas children below the age of 12 are the victims of 1 in 4 violent juvenile victimizations reported to law enforcement, adding up to roughly 600,000 violent incidents involving children under the age of 12 each year;

Whereas studies show that childhood abuse and neglect increases a child's odds of future delinquency and adult criminality and that today's juvenile victims are tomorrow's repeat offenders;

Whereas the risk of violent victimization of children and young adults has increased in recent years;

Whereas according to FBI statistics, on a typical day in 1992, 7 juveniles were murdered;

Whereas from 1985 to 1992, nearly 17,000 persons under the age of 18 were murdered;

Whereas the YWCA, as the oldest women's membership movement in the United States, continues its long history as an advocate for women's rights, racial justice, and nonviolent approaches to resolving many of society's most troubling problems;

Whereas the chapters of the YWCA provide a wide range of valuable programs for women all across the country, including job training programs, child care, battered women's shelters, support programs for victims of rape and sexual assault, and legal advocacy;

Whereas the YWCA Week Without Violence campaign will take an active approach to confront the problem of violence head-on, with a grassroots effort to prevent violence from making further inroads into our schools, community organizations, workplaces, neighborhoods, and homes;

Whereas the Week Without Violence will provide a forum for examining viable solutions for keeping violence against women, men, and children out of our homes and communities;

Whereas national and local groups will inspire and educate our communities about effective alternatives to violence; and

Whereas the YWCA Week Without Violence is both a challenge and a clarion call to all Americans: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate encourages all Americans
 2 to spend 7 days without committing, condoning, or con-
 3 tributing to violence and proclaims the week of October
 4 15, 1995, through October 21, 1995, as the “Week With-
 5 out Violence”.

